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Passing the trench time

Canadian War Museum program animator Manisha Phadnis, 22, left, and her colleague, Louise Janisse, 22, share a laugh on the mini-stage in the new exhibition, Trench Life: A Survival Guide. The exhibition opens today. Story, page 4

Mayor ready to tie knot

City hall reception after O'Brien, McBride wed

By **TRACEY TONG** Metro Ottawa

He may be the mayor of Ottawa, but starting tomorrow Larry O'Brien will have another job.

Husband.

O'Brien will wed real estate agent Colleen McBride at Blessed Sacrament Church in the Glebe tomorrow. "It's going to be a great day," said O'Brien.

Approximately 500 guests will attend the ceremony and a reception afterward at city

hall. «It's going to
Although O'Brien be a great day.»

said his wedding is a "non-political event,"

friends he's made over the years — including ambassadors, politicians and tech sector businesspeople — will attend, along with family in-

cluding O'Brien's sisters, his sons Michael, 21, and Matthew, 17, and McBride's relatives.

O'Brien said the couple has tried to make the traditional ceremony,

officiated by Father Joe Le Clair, "very simple."

great day. »

Mayor Larry O'Brien day will be Colleen," he said. "She's brought so

much into my life. Anyone who's ever met Colleen knows what a lucky person I am."

The couple will spend time after-

ward at their riverfront place in Brockville before taking a formal honeymoon in the fall.

Meanwhile, McBride said she's "trying to keep focused on the meaning of the event and not getting caught up in the details."

Though nervous about walking down the aisle in front of so many people, she's looking forward to getting all their friends together.

"And marrying Larry, of course," she laughed.

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Chrétien cleared in scandal

A Federal court ruling has blasted the biased musings of Judge John Gomery during the sponsorship inquiry and cleared former prime minister Jean Chrétien and his chief of staff, Jean Pelletier, of any blame in the affair.

In a judgment that strips out a key finding of the final sponsorship report, Justice Max Teitelbaum agreed with Chrétien and Pelletier's lawyers that Gomery was "seduced by the media" and betrayed an un-

acceptable bias against them even before he'd heard their testimony.

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"The nature of the comments made to the media are such that no reasonable person looking realistically and practically at the issue, and thinking the mathrough, could possibly conclude that the

PM's office

» Prime Minister Stephen Harper's of-fice yester-day referred all comment yesterday to MP Jason Kenney, who said the government is "closely reviewing" the ruling before deciding whether to appeal.

commissioner would decide the issues fairly," Teitelbaum said.

Chrétien, in Stockholm chairing a conference of former national leaders, was jubilant after winning the legal challenge he launched in late 2005

"This is excellent news," Chrétien told his executive assistant, Bruce Hartley.

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Dr. Isra Levy has been confirmed as Ottawa's medical officer of health. Levy has been acting in the position since May 5, when Dr. David Salisbury left to work for the federal government. Levy joined public health as an associate medical officer of health in 2006.

SuperEX a 'poor use' of city park

Councillor decries fair's likely return to Lansdowne

By TRACEY TONG Metro Ottawa

SuperEX will likely be returning to Lansdowne Park for a few more years.

Next Wednesday, the Corporate Services and Eco- it's a midway nomic Development Committee will be recommending to council that the licence

agreement between the city and the Central Canada Exhibition Association (CCEA) for the use of Lansdowne Park be renewed for 2008 and 2009.

The agreement will also provide for optional one-year extensions for three years

While some people will want the EX to stay, Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet said it's a "poor use" of the park's

"Basically, it's a midway on asphalt," he said. "One day, we hope to turn that into a green space, a pleasant place yearround. And when we start that process, the EX will be

gone."

The EX was supposed to be an agricultural exhibition. not a midway, he said.

"The cost is really Doucet in lost opportunity," he said. Lansdowne

Park is the only piece of land that Ottawa owns which is next to a World Heritage Site and it is assessed as a green space, he said.

"Lansdowne Park could be a tremendous gathering place for the city."

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Captain Steve Thompson directs one of the Canadian Snowbirds into position after the team arrived at the Shell Aerocentre at Ottawa International Airport yesterday afternoon.

Flip, fly, split, loop and roll

What to expect at this weekend's Ottawa Air Show

By TIM WIECLAWSKI Metro Ottawa

"It's a bit of a ballet in the air, with a rock and roll show in the middle."

That's how Maj. Jodi McKinnon, 38, a three-year veteran of Canada's Snowbirds aeronautic demonstration team, describes the show they'll be putting on during the Ottawa Air Show this weekend at Carp Airport.

The Snowbirds and the CF-18 Hornet will be among the Canadian Forces aircraft participating at the Air Show, which will celebrate the 50th anniversary of NORAD and pay tribute to all CF person-

The opening segment will see the nine planes looping and rolling together in formation with some splits and

«We flip

we flip things

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upside down, we

fly in formation.

other manoeuvers. The middle act has smaller groups and solo pilots doing their manoeuvers, before nine CT 114 Tudor planes reunite for the finale.

"We flip upside down, we fly in formation, we flip things around," said McKinnon. "It's really quite exciting."

Capt. Jennifer Jones said the team will be performing on each day of the show, doing a Canada Day fly-by, and on July 2 they will fly-by during the Chief of the Defence Staff Change of Command Ceremony.

According to Jones, the team flies around 65 shows per year at 40 different locations across North America.

They started the season in early May in Florida and will be criss-crossing Canada before ending in San Francisco in October.

Maj. Jodi McKinnon "Luckily, we're here for the

Canada Day celebrations each year. We like to make it to Ottawa anytime that it's possible with our schedule," said McKinnon

The Skyhawks CF parachute team will also perform, with captains Ian MacNeil and Eric Martinat of Ottawa flying the aircraft from which Skyhawks leap.

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Hospitals transit link proposed

A rapid transit corridor may someday be taking buses straight to the city's children's hospital and the Ottawa Hospital General Campus.

Next week, the transit committee will be asked to approve a statement of work for planning and environmental assessments for a Hospital Link Transit Corridor, from the southeast Transitway to Blair Station

The route would extend easterly from near Hurdman Station toward the intersection of Innes and Blair roads. where it would travel along Blair to Blair Station.

The assessment is expected to take 15 months. That would be after the contract is awarded, according to a report from city staff.

The study will have to justify the link by forecasting travel demand, and the environmental impact.

In a statement on his website, Coun. Peter Hume dismissed claims the corridor would result in the deforestation of the woods around the hospital, "The ... hospital link is a simple two-lane residential type road-way with a direct connection, for the hospital, to the transitway."

Since the hospital has space to double in size and half the land around the National Defence Medical Centre is reserved for future use, Hume wrote "not providing proper transportation access would be irresponsible."

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Boy, 7, dies after ATV crash

« Basically,

Coun. Clive

on asphalt.»

A seven-year-old boy is dead after an ATV he was riding crashed Wednesday in Gatineau, police reported yesterday.

At around 11 a.m., the boy was riding his ATV on Klock Road in the Aylmer sector of Gatineau when the crash occurred.

He was taken to hospital with serious injuries. The boy was later transferred to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario where he later died from his injuries.

Police are continuing to investigate.

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Exploring WWI personalities

Exhibit opens at War Museum

By **TRACEY TONG** Metro Ottawa

Mud, lice, rats, death and machine-guns come to most people's minds when they think of World War I.

So it may surprise them to learn that music, art, plays, laughter and superstitions also sprang from the trenches.

The Canadian War Museum's latest exhibition. Trench Life: A Survival Guide, opens today and illustrates how, between 1914 and 1918, Canadian soldiers used art and culture to make sense of their wartime experiences and cope with the strain of death and destruction.

"We're not trying to make light of it," said museum WWI historian Dr. Tim Cook. "It was a serious and dark war. But we're trying to show another side of it.

"It reminds us how ordinary Canadians refused to be broken." said Cook.

exhibition open for 10 months

» The exhibition is estimated to attract 100,000 people over the next 10 months, including people who may not otherwise visit, said museum WWI historian Dr. Tim Cook.

The exhibition features personal items that soldiers kept with them for luck: a Bible, rosaries, crosses and even a horseshoe charm (its owner returned unscathed).

It also includes personal letters, postcards, diaries, photographs and sketchbooks, as well as a collection of trench newspapers written by men on the front lines.

There's also graffiti and grave markers that men made to mark their fallen comrades.

Recordings of the songs that soldiers sang — like When This Lousy War Is Over and My Little Wet Home In The Trench, to the tune of other popular songs — are available for listening.

Items men fashioned from weapons of war and shell casings include eating utensils, cups, ashtrays and candlesticks.

While all 100 artifacts were already in the museum's possession, the exhibition was a chance to put them on display and explore the personalities behind the history books.

"It is important to remember that life in the trenches was more than just fighting and dying," said museum general director Mark O'Neill.

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Sexual assault on teen prompts police to set up tip line

Ottawa police have set up a tip line as they continue to probe the sexual assault of a teenager in Trend-Arlington Park on Tuesday.

A large volume of calls have been coming in to police since the incident hit the news, necessitating the hotline, Const.
Al Boucher said yesterday.
"The case is receiving the same priority as any other case, but because of the media coverage, we're having more people call in," he said.

Police are also continuing to

canvass residents in the area of the park, urging parents to warn their children and investigating any potential link to two other suspicious incidents in the area, including one in which a 13-year-old girl was grabbed on the buttocks.

On Tuesday, a teenager was walking through Trend-Arlington Park when she was grabbed from behind and sexually assaulted.

The suspect is described as a white male, 20 to 30 years old with a beard. He is between 5-foot-7 and 6-feet tall and was wearing blue jeans, a white hat and sunglasses at the time of the incident. Anyone with information can call the tip line at 613-236-1222, ext. 5760.

-TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

letters

No sympathy for city staff layoffs

Re: "Cut-cautious city slagged" July 26 Metro:

In a city where fixed incomes are a reality and where tens of thousands of people have lost jobs in the high-tech sector over the years, I have no real sympathy for city staffers being let go.

I don't mean to sound heartless, but balancing the budget is what most of us sent (Mayor Larry) O'Brien into office to do, and if job cuts are what's required, then so be it.

All corporations go through tough times and restructuring is a part of life.

— DUNCAN R. MURRAY, OTTAWA

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Dion stakes political future on plan

Liberal leader prepares to sell 'Green Shift'

A bullish Stéphane Dion says he's confident he can win over Canadians with his party's climate change plan, even though it will mean higher energy costs.

"It's a debate and we intend to win it because we have a good policy, good values." Dion said.

"It's the first time in history I guess that you have this debate about climate change that may be at the core of an election," Dion said, hinting that his party, after several missed opportunities, may finally be ready to topple the minority Tories.

The Liberal leader, fresh from unveiling the policy last week, is in the early days of a gas prices hold steady

» Liberals say fuel for cars, trucks and buses would not be affected because gasoline is already subject to a 10-cent-a-litre federal excise tax but will likely boost the cost of diesel, home heating oil and natural gas.

nationwide, summer sales pitch to sell Canadians on the strategy for tackling greenhouse gas emissions.

Dion defended the twin goals of his party's ambitious "Green Shift" to curb greenhouse gas emissions while at the same time reforming the country's tax system to put more money in the wallets of

"I have received some criticism, `why is it about helping the poor? That has nothing to do with climate change and the environment'," Dion said.

Under the Liberal proposal, a carbon tax would be slapped on fossil fuels, meaning higher costs for individuhomeowners businesses.

But Dion has promised the

Liberal plan will be revenue neutral and that the federal tax windfall, estimated to be about \$15 billion, will be returned to individuals and corporations in the form of tax breaks. Dion, who has staked his own political future on the green plan, hinted that current debate is just the prelude for an election battle that could come this fall.

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B.C. top of the drug trade: RCMP

Recent bust shows evidence druas headed abroad

By ANDREA WOO for Metro Ottawa

One week after busting the biggest drug lab in B.C.'s history, police are calling the province a leader in drug production.

Insp. Brian Cantera of the RCMP's national drug enforcement branch introduced the term "super lab" at a news conference yesterday while standing next to eight bags of colourful ecstasy tablets discovered while executing a search warrant on a Richmond barn last Friday

"A super lab is a clandestine lab which is capable of producing more than five kilograms of finished synthetic drugs," said Cantera.

He added that inside the barn, police discovered more



RCMP Cpl. Nycki Basra shows off a bag of the ecstasy discovered during a raid of the biggest drug labs in B.C. More than one million pressed tablets and 100 kg of pure ecstasy product were found at the Richmond barn last Friday.

than 100 kg of "pure, crystallized ecstasy product" enough to fill 14 detergentsized buckets - and an estimated one million pressed

There were also two fullyautomated pill presses that were capable of producing 8,000 to 12,000 pills each in an hour, various chemicals used in making drugs, explosive devices and nine fullyautomatic weapons.

Cantera said the sophisticated lab had been active for several months and was linked to organized crime. There was also evidence the drugs produced were intended for export out of

Cpl. Richard De Jong of the RCMP's drugs and organized crime squad said that such labs cause considerable damage to the environment and that every one kg of ecstacy produced equals seven to 10 kg of waste.

The RCMP says organized crime groups active in B.C. are earning extreme profits off the world drug trade and there are a number of international investigations coming out of B.C.

CSIS scolded in terror case

The Supreme Court yesterday scolded the country's spy agency for destroying evidence about a man

fighting deportation over alleged terror links, in the government's second loss in a high-profile security case this week.

But the Supreme Court refused to completely stop the case against Adil Charkaoui, a Moroccan national living as a legal immigrant in Montreal.

Authorities allege he trained at an al Qaeda camp in Afghanistan.

CSIS had a duty to give immigration officials all of information it had on Charkaoui they were deciding whether to consider

him a threat to national security. Charkaoui denies he has any links to al Qaeda.

»news In Brief

AFGHAN The federal government announced yesterday it will spend \$4 million to refurbish Sarposa prison in Afghanistan. The prison, which was decimated in an insurgent attack two weeks ago, housed hundreds of suspected Taliban fighters — many of whom remain at large. The Tories have already shelled out \$17,000

OILSANDS In an increasingly heated debate over the ecological impact of Canadian oil sands production, Greenpeace has launched a tongue-in-cheek website promoting the huge northern Alberta oilsands as a vacation destination. The websites invites tourists to laze on its black-sand beaches and eniov sour gas updrafts. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Seeking new ways to entertain audiences, music television network MTV has recently begun allowing fans of new and upcoming shows to discuss and post their own versions of music videos on the Web.

Gun control dealt blow in U.S. III

Individuals have right to bear arms: Supreme Court

Individual Americans have a right to own guns, the Supreme Court ruled vesterday for the first time in the country's history, striking down a strict gun control law in the U.S. capital.

The landmark 5-4 ruling marked the first time in nearly 70 years the high court has addressed the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. It rejected the argument that the right to keep and bear arms was tied to service in a state militia.

Justice Antonin Scalia said for the majority, the Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess a firearm unconnected with militia service and to use it for traditional lawful purposes,

such as self-defense in the home

However, he said the new right was not unlimited.

The court struck down two parts of the country's strictest gun control law adopted in Washington, D.C., 32 years ago - the ban on private handgun possession and the requirement that firearms kept at home be unloaded and disassembled or bound by a trigger lock. REUTERS



Plaintiff Rich Heller, centre, surrounded by activists with the Brady Campaign for gun control stands outside the Supreme Court in Washington yesterday.

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Zimbabwe army to force votes

Zimbabweans will be forced to vote in a presidential election today because of the presence of troops and militias loyal to President Robert Mugabe, opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai said.

"What will happen tomorrow is that people will be forced to vote ... because the military were mobilized

no postponement

» President Robert Mugabe has resisted calls to postpone today's run-off election, saying he would permit no interference in his country, even from the African Union.

to accompany this process,' Tsvangirai said yesterday in an interview with Portuguese radio station Rewhich gave nascenca. Reuters a transcript.

"Traditional leaders are being forced to tell their communities to go and vote," Tsvangirai said. "They are being told they have to vote tomorrow. So the violence and pressure on the people is continuing."

France

Sarkozy to appoint television head

CRITICISM Critics of French President Nicolas Sarkozy accused him of tightening his grip on the media after he announced plans to appoint the head of France's supposedly independent public television organization himself.

Teach English Abroad

Bombs killed at least 40 peoregion to Iraqi forces.

The U.S. military said three Marines and two interpreters were among the dead in Anhar That took to 11 the number of U.S. soldiers killed

In the northern city of Mosul, a car bomb on a crowded street killed 18 people and wounded 80 near the office of the governor of surrounding Nineveh province,

»news In Brief

ISRAFI Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip fired a makeshift rocket into southern Israel yesterday, putting further strain on a week-old truce as Israel kept border crossings into the Hamas-ruled territory closed.

SMOKING Greece, Europe's heaviest smoking nation, plans to ban tobacco from all indoor public places from

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from purchasing it, the Health Ministry said vesterday.

AFGHANISTAN The Afghan government sacked the police chief of Kandahar vesterday for negligence after some 400 Taliban prisoners and 700 criminals the biggest jail breaks in

40 dead in Iraq bombings

ple in Iraq yesterday, including 20 at a tribal council meeting in Anbar province just days before the U.S. military transfers control of security for the vast western

in Iraq this week.

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Facebook agreed to pay an undisclosed amount of cash and stock to settle a long-running legal battle over whether founder Mark Zuckerberg stole ideas for the site from fellow Harvard students, according to court documents released late Wednesday.

Medical NGO leaving Somalia

Doctors Without Borders says aid workers targeted

Somalis face mass starvation, with snipers, bombers and kidnappers increasingly targeting aid workers and civilians in the war-torn African

nation, aid organization Doctors Without Borders said vesterday.

The group, also known by its French name Medecins Sans Frontieres or MSF, has withdrawn international staff amid the humanitarian crisis because of violence from an Islamist-led insurgency

death toll

The Mogadishu-based Elman Peace and Human Rights Organization estimates 2,136 civilians have been killed this year, bringing the civilian death toll to 8,636 since the insurgency began in early 2007 — the latest in a cycle of conflict since the 1991 fall of a military dictator.

against the Somali government and its Ethiopian military allies.

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Violence against civilians has come from all sides, MSF said in a teleconference with

reporters in New York, Internal refugees are crammed into unsanitary shelters while prices for rice and corn have tripled since the start of 2008.

"Every time we think that it can't get much worse, it does. ... We feel we have reached a new low," said Nicolas de Torrente, executive director of MSF in the United States

"Aid workers are increasingly targeted in Somalia, kidnapped, killed," he said.

The United Nations says 1 million Somalis — one-ninth of the population - are living as internal refugees.

RELITERS

»news In Brief

SANCTIONS U.S. financial sanctions aimed at ending North Korean illicit financing activities and weapons proliferation remain in effect despite the easing of other sanctions against Pyongyang, a Treasury spokesman said

vesterday.

ART Experts at Spain's El Prado museum said yesterday they suspected one of their prize exhibits — long attributed to Goya — was in fact painted by one of the artist's assistants. REUTERS

Philippines ferry survivor



Jesus Gica, centre, 41, a survivor from capsized ferry, MV Princess of Stars, reunites with his family in Mandaue City central Philippines yesterday. After seeing how overloaded the dinghies were, the truck driver figured he'd have more luck jumping straight into the water. He grabbed on to a piece of wood and held on for six hours before he washed ashore.



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Narcotics surge aids militants: UN

Afghanistan and Colombia where insurgents are in control, helping them fund their activities, the United Nations said yesterday.

While cultivation of the opium poppy stabilized or dropped in many parts of Afghanistan, five southern regions controlled by Taliban militants produced enough poppy to double the world's opium output between 2005 and 2007, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime said in its

world in Colombia, coca cultivation rose by 27 percent in 2007, but cocaine production was concentrated in just 10 of the country's 195 munici-

Narcotics supplies have increased sharply in parts of

World Drug Report 2008.

On the other side of the

environment

UN to push G8 for climate action

SUMMIT UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said yesterday he would push at a Group of Eight summit next month for short- and medium-term goals for cutting greenhouse gases and also urge a big rise in agricultural aid.

Ban told journalists that before setting out on an Asian tour that will include this year's July 7-9 G8 summit in Toyako, Japan, he would write to each of the group's leaders "laying out my concerns and requesting their leadership!

At last year's summit in Germany, G8 leaders agreed they would seriously consider a target of halving greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Spain

Prostitutes stage protest parade

MADRID Prostitutes held colourful fashion parades in central Madrid yesterday to demonstrate against plans by property developers to buy up premises in which they have long plied their trade.

Organizers said the street parades were intended to show that the prostitutes were no threat to local residents or shopkeepers if they stayed in the area.

Dozens of onlookers clapped as sex workers modelled revealing outfits in a parade humorously dubbed Madame Bitch.

"This is so that we can be seen, to show we can do many things apart from what we already do," said a participant who gave her name as Dayanara.

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Oil prices surged nearly 4 per cent to a record over \$140 US a barrel yesterday after Libya said it was studying possible options to cut output in response to potential U.S. actions against producer countries.

Competition overhaul?

Ease way for bank mergers, foreign takeovers: Report

Canada should lower barriers to foreign investment in telecommunications, uranium mining and air transport, and lift a ban on domestic bank mergers, an expert panel commissioned by the government said yesterday.

In a report that was prompted by widespread concerns that home-grown businesses were being gobbled up by foreign interests at an unprecedented rate, the Competition Policy Review Panel warned against greater protectionism.

Canada can only start

credit crisis

>> Bank mergers may remain political taboo because Canada's smaller-sized banks helped the industry emerge relatively unscathed from the global credit crisis, experts say.

"participating in international consolidations in its own right" if it opens up its doors to foreign capital and streamlines the approval process for investment and takeovers, the five-member panel concluded.

Big business was supportive of the proposals, but many wondered whether the minority government would let the proposals die on paper, especially if there is an election soon.

Ukraine Vital mines



Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, right, talks with miners yesterday as she tours a mining region in southeastern Ukraine. Ukraine wants to privatize some of its mines to reform a sector that is vital for domestic energy and to its booming steel industry but marred by ageing infrastructure.

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» ONLINE Yahoo Inc. unveiled yesterday the third phase of an extended reorganization, bolstering the operational control of

President Sue Decker, as the company hones its independent strategy after rebuffing Microsoft Corp.

pharmaceuticals

Biovail shares fall over uncertainty

BIOTECH Shares of Biovail Corp. dropped almost 5 per cent amid uncertainty about the growth prospects of the biotech firm and concern over more legal wrangling over a leadership challenge. Founder Eugene Melnyk plans to challenge a rejection of his proposed directors slate in court on July 8. REUTERS

Internet

Rules relaxed on domain names

ICANN Internet regulators voted to relax rules on domain names, which could pave the way for an array of new web addresses. The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, or Icann, also OK'd measures that will allow top-level domain names to be written in scripts like Arabic or Cyrillic. REUTERS

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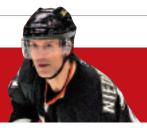
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The Anaheim Ducks announced that veteran defenceman Scott Niedermayer, left, will return to the team for the 2008-09 season. Niedermayer helped lead the Ducks to their only Stanley Cup championship in 2007, winning the Conn Smythe Trophy.

Spain crushes Russia | Local man becomes the ultimate superfa

Will take on Germany in Euro final on Sunday

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Spain reached the European Championship final for the first time in 24 years on yesterday when they turned on the style to overwhelm Russia 3-0 and set up a meeting with Germany in Sunday's final.

Three crisply-created second-half goals by Xavi, substitute Daniel Guiza and David Silva were a fair reward for Spain's gradual dominance in an enthralling game played in driving rain.

"We're in the final, it's what we all wanted but, of course,

of us which is Germany and that's a very big challenge," said Spain coach Luis Aragones.

"The first half was difficult but our second half performance was extraordinary."

The only downside for Spain was a thigh injury for David Villa that almost certainly rules the four-goal striker out of the final but it might be a blessing in disguise because Cesc Fabregas, who replaced him after 35 minutes, was superb

Villa's injury forced Spain to adopt a five-man midfield and they gradually took command Russia's fast-passing counter-attacks struggled for



Spain's David Silva, top, celebrates the goal of teammate Xavi during their Euro 2008 semifinal soccer match against Russia in Vienna yesterday. Spain advanced to the finals with a 3-0 win.

the ultimate superfan

36-year-old Ottawa native is collecting more than \$100 000 a year as a so-called super-

Cameron Hughes is quoted in a careers-oriented story at www.portfolio.com as saying that organizations such as the Ottawa Senators, Toronto Maple Leafs, Toronto Blue Jays, Los Angeles Dodgers, Los Angeles Lakers and New Orleans Saints pay him \$2,000 a game to strut his stuff in their stands

"I'm that guy - the funny, happy, dancing, possibly very drunk guy you've seen at the ballpark at least once," Hughes said. "I basically just play myself. It's just amazing when you put on a team jersey that people are loyal to, how much they'll cheer you and how much they'll support you."

Hughes lives in Los Angeles, where he was hoping to become an actor. He was merrily doing his thing in the Dodgers' crowd one day when a representative of the baseball club approached him and offered to hire his services as a superfan. The rest is history.

Hughes insisted, incidentally, that he actually never drinks alcohol on the job but downs three Red Bulls as a pre-game ritual.

» The head coach of the Oregon State basketball team is Craig Robinson, who also happens to be a brother-in-law of U.S. presidential candidate Barack Obama Robinson was asked whether he would use Obama to help recruit players to Oregon State.

"If he gets elected, I might have the President pick up the phone," Robin-



son said. "If it's not some sort of NCAA violation."

» Baseball's School of Hard Knucks belongs to the Boston Red Sox.

Not only do the World Series champions have the only authentic knuckleballer in the major leagues these days in Tim Wakefield, but they also have the only genuine knuckleballer in the minor leagues.

His name is Charlie Zink, and he is 8-2 with a 2.33 earned-run average in 16 starts for Triple-A Pawtucket.. Kevin Cash, a former Blue Jays catcher who serves as Jason Varitek's backup with the Red Sox. has caught both Wakefield and Zink.

"The difference between the two," Cash said, "is that Charlie throws predominantly knuckleballs but can also throw a fastball more than 90 miles per hour. I'd say Wake's knuckler has more of that late-breaking action, but Charlie really works at it and I think he may mix up his pitches a bit more effectively. I'd be surprised if we don't see him (in Boston) soon."

» And, for an in-depth preview of the CFL season log on to www.metronews.ca and check out my first CFL Report of 2008.

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- » NBA Point guard Derrick Rose of the University of Memphis was taken by the Chicago Bulls with the first pick of the 2008 NBA Draft last night, and the Miami around forward Michael **Beasley of Kansas State**
- » NBA The Milwaukee Bucks shipped forwards Yi Jianlian and Bobby Simmons to the New Jersey Nets on

yesterday in exchange for forward Richard Jefferson Jefferson is coming off a career-high 22.6 point-pergame season.

MLB The Houston Astros have placed pitcher Shawn Chacon on waivers a day confrontation with the team's general manager, Ed Wade.

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Sharapova shocked in Wimbledon upset

Russian star falls to 154th-ranked countrywoman

Maria Sharapova was floored at Wimbledon on Thursday by the daughter of a Greco-Roman wrestler.

Ranked 154th in the world, Alla Kudrvaytseva had barely registered on the tennis radar but that did not stop her humiliating 2004 champion Sharapova 6-2, 6-4 in the second round.

After a driving forehand sealed the biggest win of her career, Kudryavtseva leapt into the air and shrieked in delight.

"I did expect to win, so yes I believe it!" said a beaming Kudryavtseva, who had come within two points of knocking out Venus Williams in the



Russia's Maria Sharapova lost to 6-2, 6-4. Alla Kudryavtseva the second round at Wimbledon yesterday.

first round 12 months ago.

"Last year I was so close and I thought I missed it once so I'm not going to miss it a second time," added the Russian

Janko Tipsarevic squeezed past twice former runner-up and sixth seed Andy Roddick 6-7, 7-5, 6-4, 7-6,

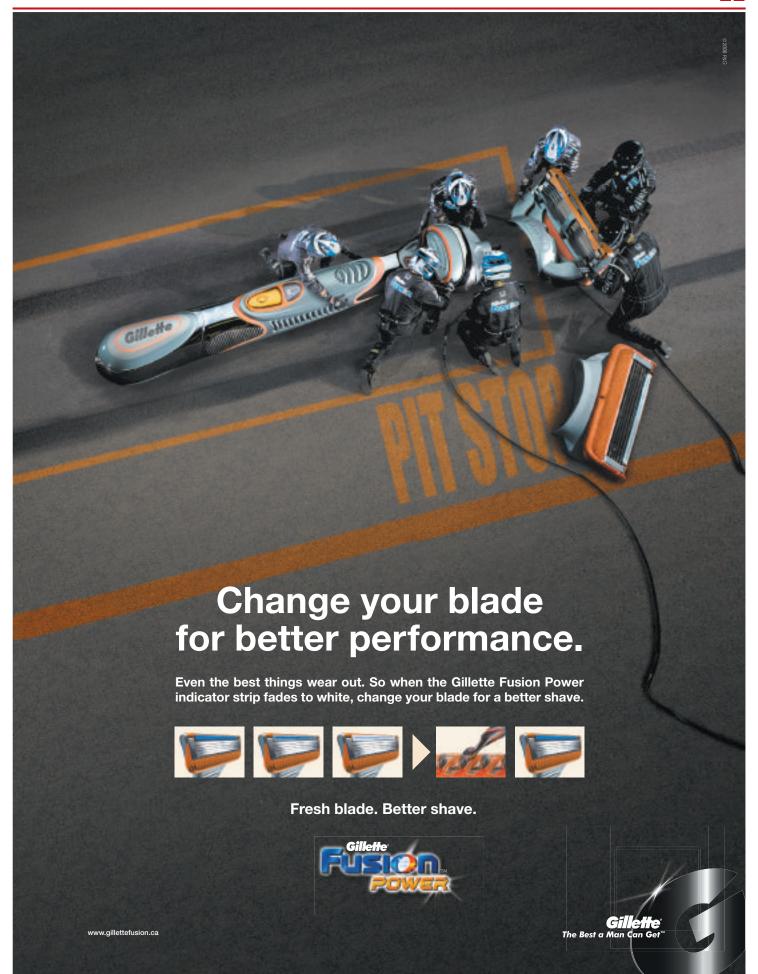
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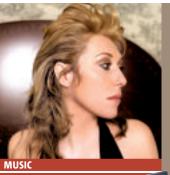




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USSEM Wainwright goes strong

By IAN NATHANSON for Metro Ottawa

Profile WHAT A difference three years made for Martha Wainwright.

When her self-titled debut came out in 2005, the singer-songwriter unleashed a barrage of songs dealing with anguish, pain and finding her feet in the world. For her newly released follow-up, I Know You're Married But I've Got Feelings Too, Wainwright proffers the complete opposite: boldness, brashness and confidence

"This record, like my first record, is a reflection of the time in which it was made," Wainwright tells Metro. "The subject matter in my songwriting can be morose, and sometimes bloody and gross - always pushing the envelope.

"I just didn't want to be



Martha Wainwright is more confident on her latest album.

self-indulgent this time. The music is still very intense, the singing is still very intense. But I also think you need to counterbalance that with a bit of a sense of humour and some lightness. I'm having a lot of fun now and there's a lot more joy in my life." She attributes her new-

found confidence to gaining her own loyal fan following, a separate entity from being the sister of

Rufus Wainwright.

"At one time I was probably intimidated and afraid that there wasn't room for me in the music world," the Brooklyn, N.Y.-based 32-yearold says, "and there wasn't enough room in the room to handle two Wainwrights (Rufus and me). Of course that's a pretentious thing to believe.'

Backing family members on the road did help, nonetheless. And through

those family members came some rather high-profile connections, which Wainwright utilized on album No. 2: Steely Dan keyboardist Donald Fagen, who contributes a chilling synthesizer to So Many Friends; The Band's Garth Hudson, whose keyboards grace I Wish I Were; and Pete Townshend - yes, The Who axeman and songsmith heard playing understated guitar to You Cheated Me and Comin' Tonight.

"I met him a couple of years ago. He and his girlfriend (Rachel Fuller) invited me on to their online talk show, In The Attic," Wainwright says, "Half an hour later, I found myself ... where they tape this show, playing my songs in a pair of pyjamas that they had given me. And he was accompanying me on a couple of songs."

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Blu-ray vs. HD-DVD-type format war alan@ongoinghistory.com the following February

with the 7-inch single. Together, they reigned as the kings of the formats until that first CD was pressed over three decades later. Pre-recorded cassettes disappeared. Singles and LPs were pushed to the back walls where their rack

space shrunk to almost nothing.

But now it's the compact disc's turn to fade away. Many people will say it was doomed by the Internet and down-

The CD is on the decline

loading, but the truth is the CD began to die the moment that Strauss (or Abba) CD was made back in 1982. Once there was a digital format that could be flawlessly and endlessly copied, its fate was

A recent report predicts that digital downloads will blow past CDs by sometime in 2010. Over the next three years, the Canadian market for CDs will drop by 50 per cent.

And as for vinyl records? Sales are up 36 per cent this year.

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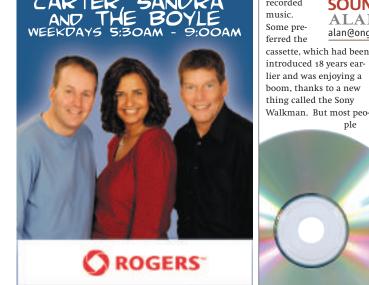
the stuff critics are supposed to hate. But just when I seemed to have things under control, a 14-year-old adolescent boy burst out of my chest, dropping giant F-bombs and playing awesome air guitar. Nikki, Tommy, Vince and Mick get all nostalgic for the good/bad old days of Hollywood leather, hair and heals. It is what it is and Mötley Crüe does it

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Jolie, McAvoy make Wanted worthwhile

Wanted

By STEVE GOW for Metro Ottawa

REVIEW ESSENTIALLY, Wanted is two flicks in one. First, and most astutely, it's a movie about the importance of destiny; a film that's not afraid to ask the audience to consider their fate and purpose of being

in life. Although that may sound unappetizingly existential for hardcore action fans, consider the second movie that mostly comprises Wanted: A non-stop thriller about a secret society of assassins who shoot people in an impossibly cool fashion.

Wesley Gibson (James McAvoy of Atonement) is a bored, uninspired office jockey who begrudgingly takes abuse from his donut-famished boss, an adulterous girlfriend and his best buddy (who's also the person



sleeping with his girlfriend).

When Wesley is swept away to a secret fraternity by a sexy woman appropriately named Fox (Angelina Jolie), he finds out his true purpose and becomes a super-skilled killer destined to seek revenge for his father's murder. Directed by Timur Bekmambetov (Nightwatch), Wanted makes an impressive Hollywood debut for the Russian filmmaker. Indeed, the visuals are incredibly impressive as Bekmambetov conjures up a creative combination of computer effects and live action in order to flip cars, derail trains and most notably, bend bullets around objects. Sure, it's a bit reminiscent of The Matrix trilogy's style, but where that series grew self-indulgent;

this film has a quirky self-assuredness and sense of humor that gives balance to the darkness of the material.

As for the cast, you can't go wrong putting Jolie in a film like this, but giving her a groovy little character twist really adds something special to the end.

And McAvoy makes for an especially surprising addition to the genre. Who knew a modest little Scottish thespian would make such a powerhouse action

More than a cute little robot

Garlin, Fred Willard

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By RICK McGINNIS for Metro Ottawa

REVIEW THERE'S A desolate place at the heart of Pixar's latest feature, not surprising for a movie set in yet another dystopic vision of mankind's future. where the garbage has driven us off the planet and sentient computers threaten to rob us of our free will. And you thought you were just going to be taking the kids to a movie about a cute little robot?

The ghosts of Soylent Green, The Omega Man and 2001: A Space Odyssey hover over little Wall-E, the big-eyed trash-compacting



robot who's been left to dig mankind out of its own mess on an earth that looks like the morning after a rock festival.

In the absence of his creators, who are aimlessly cruising the universe on a starship run like a Princess Cruises liner, Wall-E has developed a lovelorn little soul, all the more sad since it's never had an object of its affection, until the day Eve arrives in his vast dump.

The film has the sweet. but not cloving, sentimentality of the rest of Pixar's releases, and the same broad appeal for both adults and kids - how else do you explain Fred Willard's cameo, the first live-action human to appear in the studio's films? but the setting and story feel bleak, and more than a bit underpopulated.

It might not be the first Pixar film to give your kids nightmares, but it definitely lacks the warm bustle of the Toy Story films, Finding Nemo or Monsters,

Intelligence by design

Expelled: No Intelligence

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By RICK McGINNIS for Metro Ottawa

REVIEW LIKE THE SUB-

JECT it explores, Expelled is either going to comfort or infuriate most of the people who see it. That's a shame, since the middle ground - curiosity mixed with healthy skepticism is probably the wisest reaction to this film featuring writer and TV personality Ben Stein as narrator and host. The film follows Stein on a journey, as he explores a controversy that's been simmering for years in the U.S. about Intelligent Design, a school of thought that suggests that some evidence of innate logic or plan might explain the gaps in evolutionary theory. It's been called a Trojan horse for Creationism, with some good cause, but its defenders charge that anyone who dares speak its name in the hallowed halls of academia are subject to loss of tenure, jobs and reputation. Needless to say, there are proponents on both sides of the issue willing to argue adamantly for their case - you need only visit the film's web site, or expelledexposed.com to explore their arguments.

If you're already convinced of either viewpoint, then actually seeing the film is almost beside the point; it's those in the

middle who might actually benefit from a viewing. The ID side of the debate is hammered home with occasionally overexplicit visual counterpoints, and there have been charges of deceitful practice in obtaining interviews but Stein and the film make a few queries worth asking, such as why Darwin's more vociferous defenders often sound so high-handed, even emotional, about a theory they claim is proved with rational evidence, and how Darwin's theory was so easily transformed into a justification for one of the most barbaric social programs of the last century eugenics, which was ultimately enacted on a lethal and monstrous scale by Nazi Germany.



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When reality hurts

Ben X

Stars Greg Timmerman Director Nic Balthazar

By **RICK McGINNIS** for Metro Ottawa

REVIEW WHILE MOST teenagers long to connect and be understood, it's a cutting irony that, forced into close proximity every day at school, they spend most of their time harassing each other and enforcing cliques with strict boundaries that most border guards would envy. As ironies go, it's one that offers little comfort for any-

hazar's Ben X is a portrait of one such victim.

Based on his own novel, a bestseller in his native Belgium, it's the story of a boy suffering from Asperger's Syndrome, one of the milder manifestations of autism. As his father tells the camera late in the film, he's really not suffering from it, as much as he's being made to suffer by the bullies at his school.

Greg Timmermans' Ben lives with his mother and younger brother, but he's only ever alive in Archlord, an online video game where he has the confidence and prestige denied to him in the real world. The trajectory of bullied teen stories is so well-

established that we can't help but anticipate the inevitable — the tawdry suicide and/or bloody lunge at vengeance with its heartbreaking toll of innocent victims

What we get is very different; a hopeful scenario that should make us feel more than a bit ashamed for coming to expect, and even look forward to, some eruption of violent catharsis.

Ben's autism is only a metaphor for a society where everyone seems to suffer from empathy deficit, and teenagers in particular seem incapable of giving each other the space and respect they demand from the

Free world can cost plenty

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one caught up in its

machinery, and Nic Balt-

Stars Kierston Wareing, Juliet Ellis



By **RICK McGINNIS** for Metro Ottawa

REVIEW THE SETTING for Ken Loach's latest film will be familiar to anyone who's spent time in London or any other major British city in the last decade. The drama takes place amid the massive subculture of foreign workers staffing virtually every hotel and café in the city and working on every loading dock and construction site.

Some are legal, many are not, and while a lot of effort has gone into recruiting them from all over the world to take these low-paying jobs, not a lot of thought has been applied to the effect this parallel economy will have not

only on England but their homeland and every country forced to compete with this thriving but ramshackle new system.

When we meet Angie (Kierston Wareing), she's the star recruiter for an English employment agency, processing Polish applicants desperate for a job, fending off passes from her co-workers while sleeping with a handsome young Polish man she'd met earlier that day.

Wareing's Angie is pretty but hard-faced, and it's no surprise that, fired by her employers, she recovers quickly and sets up a competing agency of her own with her flatmate Rosie (Juliet Ellis).

They want to do things legitimately, but have to cut a few corners at the beginning and quickly become seduced by the quick cash that pours in when they start represent-

ing illegal workers. It's a business dominated by crooks, so it's no surprise that things start to go very badly, jeopardizing Angie's livelihood, her chances of raising her son on her own, and her very life.

There's a lot of the propagandist in Loach's work, and once you squint past the very effective performances and the gritty look of the film, the clanking message machinery can be sensed, grinding away.

There's a brief but immensely sentimental portrait of an Iranian refugee family, and too many incidents where Angie in particular says and does things that make little sense except to get us to the next shuddering step on this journey downwards. In the end, the faint impression of a finger jabbing steadily into our chest to make its point is hard to ignore



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THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN

Oscar-nominated director Andrew Adamson (Shrek, Shrek 2) does a fine job bringing the second instalment of the Narnia Chronicles to life with a blend of old-fashioned sword fights and dazzling special effects. This is another well-casted, well-written entry in the series.

CHRIS ATCHISON FOR METRO OTTAWA

GET SMART

Steve Carell takes over the role made famous by Don Adams in the original TV series — Maxwell Smart, the bumbling but cocksure secret agent who succeeds in spite of his best efforts. Anne Hathaway does a fine job with Agent 99, played by Barbara Feldon in the TV series, ably matching Feldon's innate sexiness; the only real flaw in Hathaway's portrayal is her inability to evoke the fetchingly neurotic quality Feldon brought to the role.

RICK McGINNIS FOR METRO OTTAWA

THE HAPPENING

The very great problem with M. Night Shyamalan's films is that once he departs from the nameless dread so painstakingly created in their setup, they've lost most of their reason to exist. The film is a bit of a departure for the director, since he reveals the big premise early on, and not near the end, sparing the audience the eyerolling revelations that made Signs and The Village so retroactively disappointing. Unfortunately, that means you can start rolling your eyes and giggling earlier, with the first film that makes itself the punch line to global warming's

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THE INCREDIBLE HULK

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Ed Norton plays Bruce Banner, the character made famous for them by Bill Bixby in the '70s. The film sets things up quickly — Banner in exile in Brazil, searching for a cure for his "condition" — and rewards us with an action piece and the first appearance of Banner's hulking alter ego within the first half hour. We get the love interest (Liv Tyler), the bad guys (William Hurt and Tim Roth) and the conspiracy theory plot mechanism with a secret military program; everything in its place and a place for everything.



KUNG FU PANDA

Kung Fu Panda introduces us to Po (Jack Black), a lazy panda who dreams of one day becoming a martial arts master, but is simply too fat and lazy to make it happen. That is until he is crowned the next "chosen one" destined to hold the title of master, only to find himself tagged with the honour, much to the chagrin of the crusty guru Shifu (Stranger Than Fiction's Dustin Hoffman). Kids will love watching a dumb panda fumbling around as he tries to save his village from destruction of a sinister snow leopard.

CHRIS ATCHISON FOR METRO OTTAWA

LOVE GURU

Mike Myers plays a self-help swami who's enlisted to help reconcile a hockey player with an ex-lover in order to end a curse. Although the comedy is filled with terrible penis puns and cracks about midgets, Myers still finds a way to charm us with his quirky characters.

STEVE GOW FOR METRO OTTAWA

SEX AND THE CITY

The feature adaptation of Sex And The City is among the year's most highly anticipated films. The film catches up with Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), Miranda (Cynthia Nixon), Samantha (Kim Cattrall) and Charlotte (Kristin Davis) four years after the TV series finale. Problems arise — someone has an affair, someone gets jilted, and communication issues threaten to tear up the foursome. It can all be sorted out with endless conversation and shopping.



YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN

Adam Sandler plays the title role in the film, a sort of Israeli James Bond with a secret dream of styling hair in New York City, who fakes his death and goes off to live his blow-dried, '80s-inspired dream. Sandler plays Zohan with an Israeli accent so painstakingly bad that it becomes its own joke, as does the film's barrage of Hebrew and Arab slang, most of it invented. RICK McGINNIS FOR METRO OTTAWA Metro • Weekend, June 27-29, 2008

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American Girl spreads sunshine

By RICK McGINNIS for Metro Ottawa

many young actors on screen in Kit Kittredge: An American Girl, as there are luminary adults — Stanley Tucci, Joan Cusack, Wallace Shawn and Julia Ormond among them — which is appropriate since this is the film that will be competing with Wall-E for family movie dollars this summer.

Based on one of the immensely popular American Girl dolls, it's features Abigail Breslin (Little Miss Sunshine) as the title character, an inquisitive little girl whose family is suffering from the economic rav-

ages of the Great Depression. The cast also includes movie veterans such as 12-year-old Zach Mills and freshly-minted heartthrob Max Thieriot (Jumper, Nancy Drew), as well as newcomers like Madison Davenport, all of whom suffered a whirlwind press weekend in Los Angeles recently with an entourage of mothers, minders and puppies in tow.

"My grandma grew up in

my grantana grew up in the Great Depression," Breslin tells us, "so I talked to her about that, and she told me things like they put sugar on their tongues and would drink their tea over it, and everybody was in the same situation back then, and she told me that



Abigail Breslin plays the title character in Kit Kittredge: An American Girl

the clothes (in the movie) looked really authentic and everything, so that was good."

"Abby was so sweet," Dav-

enport says when asked about the Toronto shoot.

"Abigail is so nice and down to earth," says Mills. "She's a professional," like a professional. She's a great person and then she can completely become the character, and then go back to being a 12-year old kid."

Thieriot says. "She's truly

Davenport changed her hair colour for her role as Ruthie, Kitt's best friend. "I was there when she died her hair," adds Mills, who plays a boarder in the Kittredge house.

"I cut off his circulation," laughs Davenport.

"I very nearly lost an arm." Mills deadpans.

For his role as a young hobo, Thieriot recalls director Patricia Rozema asking if he'd be willing to live the part a bit. "She said 'What do you think about not eating as much?' And

so I literally changed my entire diet on the film, and it doesn't really look like it, but before filming started I was 160 pounds, and I went down to, like, 140. I lost 20 pounds in less than a month by just drinking juice and eating soup."

Breslin mostly remembers working with other kids as being liberating.

"It was really fun to get to work with other kids, but everybody on the movie was really nice and we had fun — me and Madison and Zach would go out every night to a mall or a movie and everything, so it was really fun." » Kit Kittredge is in theatres next week.



Call Now and Get

Show unlikely to go on in face of strike threat

FOR THE FILM industry, D-Day is Monday, when the Screen Actors Guild's contract with the Hollywood studios expires. But does that "D" stand for disaster? Denouement? Or simply

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to take (the offer) or

Labour lawyer Alan Brunswick

take a strike vote. »

delay? While the union has yet to seek a strike authorization vote from its

members, the industry is already in a "de facto" strike, with the studios winding down all but a few film productions by Monday. Hollywood is still recovering from a 14-week writers' strike that ended in February.

SAG's national executive committee has approved a measure granting its negotiators the authority to seek an extension of the contract with the Alliance of Motion Picture & Television Producers, the stuThough not a requirement, an extension seems to be a near certainty. "If there's an agreement to extend, they can extend it by a month, a week or day-to-

> day," said attorney Scott Witlin, whose clients include producers. "Or

they can have no extension and the contract lapses. But that doesn't automatically mean there's a strike. That

just means there could be one at any time if SAG gets strike authorization." Without a contract extension, the union would be taking a risk at the table. Labour laws would permit the studios to make

"a last, best and final

offer," which SAG would be

obliged to accept or reject.

If SAG were to reject, the

studios could impose the terms of their final offer.

"SAG's only option at that point is to take it or take a strike vote," said Alan Brunswick, a labour lawver.

SAG would need 75% of its 140,000 members to vote in favour of a strike, and many industry watchers believe it would fall short. Dire economic forecasts and the fatigue lingering from the 100-day writers' walkout are the factors most cited as negatives that would weigh on the guild membership.

The other big factor is SAG's increasingly bitter dispute with smaller sister union AFTRA, which already has a tentative deal with the studios. SAG has enlisted such stars as Jack Nicholson, Ben Stiller and Nick Nolte in a campaign to urge AFTRA's 70,000 members to vote against ratification.





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Quote of the WEEK

"Anne was the first person to come in and do a screen test. It was actually the first time I'd said any of the lines. And after she walked out of the room, we all looked at each other and knew it. It was almost as if everyone else could have gone home at that point, frankly."— Steve Carell to MSN Entertainment on Anne Hathaway's role in Get Smart





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Director shines light on culture of gaming

By RICK McGINNIS for Metro Ottawa

FEATURE COMPUTERS

ARE used more and more to give the illusion that a director filmed in some impossible location — a distant point in history or some place that's only existed in mythology. Nic Balthazar's film Ben X might be one of the first films that takes its cameras, so to speak, into land-scapes meant only to exist in computers — the world created for a multi-player role-playing video game.

It's the world where the film's protagonist, a teenage misfit suffering from Asperger's Syndrome, prefers to live, as a refuge from the bullying he suffers at school. Technology turns on him, however, when his classmates' camera phones capture his humiliation and the video ends up online.

The Internet, Balthazar says, "has taken bullying to another level, and has given birth to this phenomenon — the name itself is so sarcastic — of 'happy slapping.' It shows how premeditated this sort of evil can be, because we always associate bullying with 'Oh, well, it's just



The Internet has taken bullying to a new, more menacing level, says Nic Balthazar, director of the film Ben X.

teasing, it's a joke and maybe it got out of hand.' We see how you have to hit or degrade someone in public, and then start filming it, and then upload it and download it and send links around, so maybe it never was the joke that people said it was.

"So that's where technology reveals our true nature, and shows how bad we can be, because everybody's watching it — these are the most clicked-on films on YouTube."

The success of his Belgian film, and the book on which it's based, is taking Balthazar to Hollywood, where there's talk of an American version of the story. It's an adaptation that shouldn't be so difficult, considering the homogeneity of youth cul-

ture around the world, unified by communication technology. The gaming community has responded to Ben X with positive word-of-mouth but, inevitably, not so much in actual ticket sales.

"You need to hand them

this," Balthazar says, "with-

in gamer culture, they're

very quick and smart, and

good at saying, 'This is a cool game' and 'This isn't a cool game,' and you can be dead in five days before the reviews are even out. I'm happy to say they've helped us so much, because, of course, we first came out without a promotional campaign, and they passed on the word, and said that this was the first film that was cool about gaming and showed it the

way it is."



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THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:20

INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-

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THE LOVE GURU (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:50-

5:10-7:35-9:45 SEX AND THE CITY (18A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:05-10:05

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Anne Hathaway as Agent 99 and Steve Carell as Maxwell Smart star in Get Smart, now in theatres.

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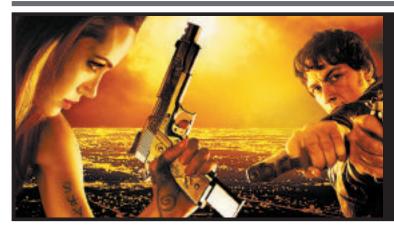
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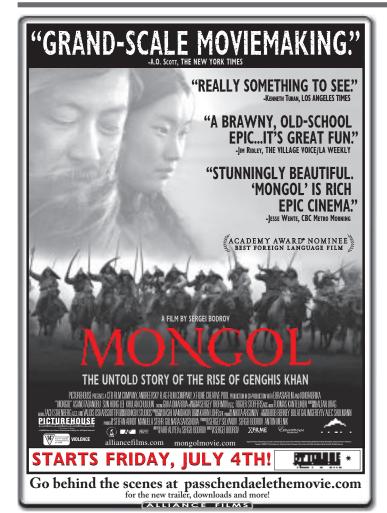
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The Simple Life star Nicole Richie, left, will appear in an episode of the NBC comedy Chuck, the network has announced. She will be playing "the mean girl" in an episode to air in the fall. SOURCE: PEOPLE.COM

Cash-grab DVD sets: Just don't buy

BOXED IN:

In response to my recent column on music issues on DVD reissues of TV shows, reader Jason Smith of Toronto writes:

"I started buving up the Married With Children DVD box sets. After season 2 or 3's set they started putting a 'brand new theme in there, in the place of the famous Love

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riage Sinatra song. I wouldn't really mind that much (it's understandable now that all the laws are there about copyright and rovalties) but each box set is still roughly \$60 to \$70 after taxes. You'd think if they are not paying these royalties that even some of the savings would be passed on to the consumer. That discourages me from buying a box set that I could easily just download and burn and make my own box

"It's not like the quality of most (sitcomish) DVD TV box sets are anything great, they look like garbage on my HD TV so it's not like I'm buying them for the quality of the picture. I'm buying them for the experience and in these cases, the experience is pretty tam-

pered with, with little to no extras (Trailers for other box sets do not count as extras, BTW.)"

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> spectacular packaging, full season TV box sets have to compete with the lowest-priced DVD packages on the market, and in that case we're talking about, say, the \$23.99 US that Amazon.com is asking for most of the Mary Tyler Moore Show season sets - which contain not just the scant 12 or 18 episode seasons we have today, but 24 or more episodes.

As Michael Giltz wrote on The Huffington Report web site recently, retail sales of TV shows have gone from an insignificant sliver of studio profits in the VHS era to a major chunk today, but now that DVD sales are finally starting to flatline and even slow, the studios are trying cash grabs like releasing seasons in two parts or more, or assuming fans will settle for a "greatest hits" package of highlight episodes or even worse - releasing box sets containing shortened syndicated versions instead of the longer original versions

"What can you do about it?" asks Giltz. "Don't buy

'em. Any show released in fragments is a show you should avoid like the plague. No matter how big a fan you are, don't let them double dip, as they'd say in Seinfeld." Or you can just download them - evil badthought of the week - since the

picture quality will likely suck on your big new flat panel anyway.

A SALTY BLOG: I'll be posting this weekend on the blog that's changed its address again - I warned you - as I head off to L.A. for the Dark

Knight junket, with season one of Mad Men in my suitcase. Look for a review here next week, and go to metronews.typepad.com/i ntellevision/in the mean-

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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- » SERIES Former Dukes of Hazzard star John Schneider is shooting a new TV series without a net. Schneider is starring in twentysixmiles, an independently financed drama that's searching for a

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Escape Artist

A trip to Brazil inspires Daria Werbowy's first collection for Lancôme — and helps benefit a worthy cause.

By Michelle Villett Beauty and Health Editor

aria Werbowy isn't your typical supermodel. Her five-year career as one of fashion's most soughtafter faces should qualify her for diva-like behaviour, but when we meet at Toronto's SoHo Metropolitan Hotel, the 24-year-old Canadian beauty — dressed simply in jeans and a black blazer — comes across as downto-earth, hard-working and professional. No doubt, it's the reason she was chosen to collaborate with Lancôme on a new limited-

edition line of makeup - the first-ever collection created by a spokesmodel. For every product sold, \$1.50 will be donated to the Centro Espacial Vik Muniz, a children's charity in Rio de Janeiro. "I went to Brazil a year and a half ago and was introduced to artist Vik Muniz," explains Werbowy. "We went to see the charity he's involved with [the Centro Espacial Vik Muniz], where kids from the favelas - the famous slums of Brazil – go a few times a week. Vikwanted to bring art into their lives and teach them that they don't have to be typecast by society." Werbowy says it's important to use art as a tool to bring people beyond their struggles. "I went to a high school for the arts, and I still take art classes in New York. Art has been somethingfor me to escape to."

Editors' Pick FICTIONAL TRUTHS

Uwem Akpan was born in a
Nigerian village and is now a teacher
in Zimbabwe, a once promising and
prosperous country that is rife with
civil disorder and violence under the
infamous Robert Mugabe. Akpan's
first collection of short stories, Say
You're One of Them (Little, Brown),

is a hauntingly rich evocation of parents struggling to find food to feed their families

and the traumas and tribal conflicts that children witness in shantytowns and refugee camps. SANDRA MARTIN





TOP 3 CDS

David Berman channels Johnny Cash's ominous voice on Lookout Mountain, Lookout Sea (Drag City/F.A.B.), the quasi-country album from his band, the Silver Jews. It was recorded in Nashville, yet it seems to have bounced off another planet before returning to earth.
 Montreal's Islands

have come a long way since they emerged rather shakily from the ashes of the poptastic Unicorns in 2005. Arm's Way (ANTI/Epitaph) is less like a lark and more like the product of a solid, confident band with a much stronger idea of structure and a big crush on Queen. Aimee Mann's latest collection is @#%&*! Smilers (SuperEgo/Outside Music). Mann is an oddly dispassionate

singer, but there's something compelling about her gentle melodies, especially when they're filled out by ultra-tasteful touches of keyboards and strings. MARY DICKIE







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MINE LIVES

Regular exercise can add years to your life — nine, in fact, according to a recent study by King's College London. The researchers discovered that fitness buffs (defined as anyone who works out vigorously for at least three hours a week) have longer telomeres — structures that protect DNA and, therefore, prevent cells from aging. Even moderate exercise (up to one-and-a-half hours a week) can provide a four-year advantage. While you're helping to preserve your body, protect the earth by exercising with recyclable fitness gear and opting for an outdoor workout instead of using electrically powered machines. LESLEY YOUNG



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Trendy workout



ask kim

What type of fabrics should I wear and avoid for my first class of hot yoga?

Jasmine Lukuku from Karma Athletics suggests that you look for fabrics that contain a supplex blend (nylon and spandex). It has the feeling of cotton but it breathes well and wicks moisture away from the body. Try to avoid natural fabrics; they often deform as your body heats up and will keep the moisture in while you workout.

E-mail your style questions to kim.elbo@metronews.ca.

With a passion for recognizing the purpose and beauty of fashion, Vancouver writer Kim fills you in on the latest styles, trends, events and tips.



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Strap Tank Shop: lululemon Address: Various Locations



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workout tops

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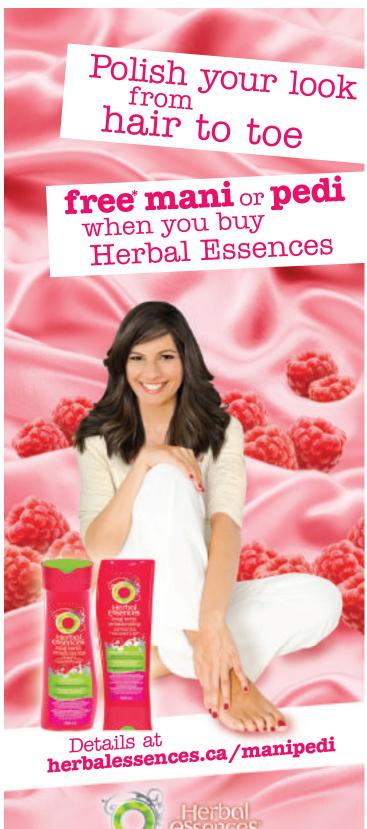
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sport bags

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fashion

The Pope does not wear Prada

RUMOUR After years of speculation that Pope Benedict wears shoes by Prada, the Vatican's official newspaper denied such talk as "frivolous." Esquire magazine last year named the 81-year-old pontiff "accessorizer of the year" for his red leather loafers that fashionistas had said were probably made by the Italian fashion house. The article did not say who did make the shoes.

Socks and sandals stepping up

Odd menswear coupling being elevated to trend

LONG DERIDED as the ultimate menswear misstep, wearing socks with sandals is being elevated to the status of fashion trend.

The S&S look, commonly worn by nerdy tourists, aging hippies, grunge musicians and outdoorsy types, was trotted out unabashedly during the spring menswear collections of designers like Miuccia Prada, Stefano Pilati for Yves Saint Laurent and Nicolas Ghesquiere for Balenciaga.

For fashionistas, this odd coupling of socks and sandals constitutes a particularly egregious type of male fashion crime and belongs in a category that includes flood pants, too-tight clothing, pinkie rings and fanny packs.

Nevertheless, a handful of truly directional fashion designers feels they have the clout to turn what's considered by many to be a lapse in judgment into something that approaches avant garde.

The look is loathed, particularly by women.

Toronto wardrobe stylist Georgia Groom, for one, is aghast.

"There is nothing remotely cool about the look. Even as an ironic fashion statement, it still makes me cringe. It's inelegant and,



The S&S (socks and sandals) look has traditionally been a nerdy coupling, ary for a definition that's yet designers like Miuccia Prada are turning it into a fashion statement.

let's face it, it's not particularly virile.

"I can see how some cute kid could bust out the look but I'm not letting my boyfriend anywhere near it."

Popular sex-and-relation-

ship blogger Isabella Snow has ordered dates to return home to change when they've showed up sporting

the offending S&S combo.
"I think most of you do it because you think it looks

good ... or at least normal," she writes.

"Let me tell you, this look is about as sexy as a pocket protector and horn-rimmed glasses. Unless you're a 10th grade algebra teacher, this look is inappropriate."

Check sandalandsoxer.co.uk for examples of men who have been captured on film in heavy work socks with Birkenstocks or black dress socks with Tevas.

Look up "socks and sandals" in the Urban Dictionary for a definition that's blunt. "A footwear combination worn only by the fashion-challenged.

"If it's hot enough for sandals, it's too hot to wear socks. If it's cold enough to wear socks, it's too cold for sandals."

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Last-minute tickets to the Ottawa Fringe Festival are available one

Third time's the charm

Performer DePape returns to Fringe as baton twirler in Sticks

By KATE CHAPPELL for Metro Ottawa

t the age of 18, this is already Brigette DePape's third performance at a Fringe Festival.

The first time, her play In Between ran at the Winnipeg Fringe Festival and was nominated for the Harry Rintoul Best New Manitoba Play Award. The second time was the performance of Stuck, which she co-wrote and appeared in. At Ottawa's Fringe Festival, DePape will perform She Rules With Iron Sticks, which is directed by Ottawa's Dave Dawson, himself a veteran of the Fringe. Dawson brings extensive experience in contrast to DePape's relative beginner status, as he has directed 16 Fringe productions in the past.

Iron Sticks is perhaps an alternative version of the inspirational tale in that the heroine is a young woman named Sophie. She may be lacking in the friendship department, but Sophie is full of potential as a baton twirler. And despite her paralyzing shyness and insecurity, she is determined to participate in Canada's National Baton Twirling Championships.

"The show is about finding the courage, the courage that everyone has somewhere inside, to do whatever it is they want to do," De-Pape writes in an e-mail interview.

And while DePape's main character in Iron Sticks is plagued by fear and insecurity, DePape herself draws energy from the audience when she is onstage.

"That's what I love about oneman shows is that I really get to connect with the audience. It's like the audience is part of the show and you're working together to create something," she says.

This is arguably the essence of the Fringe Festival — the interaction between the observers and the performers, and the immediacy created by this atmosphere.

Fringe-goers take note: You may also catch a glimpse of DePape offstage as she has just taken up fire baton twirling. She will likely prac-



Brigette DePape will perform She Rules With Iron Sticks at the Fringe Festival this weekend.

tise her new skill during the Fringe. As she warns, "this little baton twirler in the sparkly bodysuit is

gonna light her sticks on fire!" » She Rules With Iron Sticks runs until Sunday at the SAW Gallery.

Play meant to explore women's culpability

Audience in for intense story with Wonderbar!

By KATE CHAPPELL for Metro Ottawa

here is never a shortage of political and social commentary on the role and status of women in society, and Celeste Sansregret has added to the dialogue with her play Wonderbar!

The play follows Katrina, a middle-aged, divorced and unlucky woman whose life changes with a random encounter while she is at the liquor store. It is there that Katrina, played by critically acclaimed actress Alex Dallas, meets Rudi Bergmann on a Friday night. He is handsome, cultivated and wealthy, and immediately whisks Katrina off on a luxurious holiday in Europe.

It appears to be a dream come true, but the play explores the



Celeste Sansregret's play Wonderbar! is part of this year's Fringe Festival.

question as to whether this illusion is reality. Directed by Mary Francis Moore, Sansregret says Wonderbar! is an attempt to understand how smart women sometimes abandon their sense of self and responsibility.

"I wanted to explore culpability, especially women's culpability, in certain situations," Sansregret says in an e-mail interview. "I'm fascinated by women who are clearly bright and ambitious and climbers, and when their plans don't work out, they play the victim card, with little willingness to take responsibility for their own undoing.'

The subject matter is not tame by any means, and the audience is

in for an "intense, extreme roller coaster of a story," Sansregret says, adding that it is gratifying for her that the audience is willing to join the ride and stick with it.

The instant connection with the audience is what fuels Sansregret's love of performance. "When you perform live, you know right away whether it's working or not."

Sansregret has been a performer since the age of three-and-a-half, and has appeared in more than 30 plays.

In lead actress Alex Dallas, Sansregret finds plenty of experience. Dallas toured Britain and North America with a comedy troupe called "Sensible Footwear." She has written and performed in six solo shows at fringe festivals across Canada and the U.S., and most recently performed in the CBC Winnipeg Comedy Festival.

» Wonderbar! runs until Sunday at the Studio Leonard Beaulne.



Transcendental Masturbation

'Fringe of the fringe'

By KATE CHAPPELL for Metro Ottawa

Glen Callender UFA's performance involves a pair of underwear, a vintage keyboard, an accordion and is no less than the "greatest show in the history of the world." Not only that, but it is intended to create a "raging tsunami of social catastrophe."

This is according to Callender himself, who attaches the LIFA to the end of his name, but will not reveal its meaning. Callender is creator of one-man show Transcendental Masturbation. The west-coast native is intentionally vague about the show's content, but he will disclose that it gets leverage from online culture, specifically Facebook, My-Space, YouTube and his own website, www.Tran-Mast.com. In addition, the show is filmed by a guy named Jeremy, or random audience members, who use a "roving camcorder."

And just how much of the titular activity is actually in the show? Apparently, not much, which is a plus or minus, depending on your opinion of what constitutes arts and entertainment.

"It wouldn't be the Fringe without the cringe," he says, "I believe in the Fringe being fringey and I'm the fringe of the fringe." » Transcendental Mastur-

bation runs until Sunday at the Studio Leonard Beaulne.

going out

Ottawa's own shine at Fringe

Locals star in festival's final days

By KIM MANNIX VERMETTE for Metro Ottawa

It's the final weekend of Ottawa's Fringe Festival, and Sam Awwad hopes local theatre lovers will take the opportunity to check out some of the amazing talent flourishing in their own backyard.

As artistic producer of Vision Theatre, — and a performer and director in Fourplay, Vision's offering at this year's Fringe – Awwad is passionate about supporting local actors, directors and producers.

"In Ottawa we are lucky that we have the National Arts Centre and get all these big shows and wonderful artists coming to town, but it also means that sometimes smaller local, but equally great talents, get overlooked," he says.

"I think the Fringe is a great way for people to rediscover what's going on here, and for us all to have a little fun"



Nancy Kenny and Scott Goldman show off their comedic talents in This Is A Play, Evolution Theatre's production at this year's Fringe

Vision Theatre received the honour of Best Comedy at last year's festival when they put together three one-acts by David Lindsay-Abaire. Awwad said since the format worked so well last year, they wanted to do something similar this time around.

The result is Fourplay, four

comedic one-acts by playwright David Ives. Awwad along with other Vision staffers and regulars Chantale Plante, Riley Stewart, Ken Godmere, Greg Wysynski, Marsha Awwad, Jennifer Scrivens and Shaun Toohey take turns acting and directing the quick-witted and

fast-paced plays.

"I am finding it challenging not to overthink it and I am neurotic so I sometimes wonder, am I saying lines from the right show?" says Awwad with a laugh.

The reviews for the play have been favourable, just as they have for another local comedy, Evolution Theatre's clever This Is A Play.

The play-within-a-play comedy by Daniel MacIvor stars Ottawa actors Nancy Kenny, Kel Parsons and Scott Goldman. Kenny describes being in the show as being like trying to rub your belly and pat your head at the

same time. Each performer plays two characters at once, dispensing funny dialogue and engaging in a fair bit of physical comedy along the way. Kenny says she's thrilled the show has been drawing big audiences, and is thilled that people are coming out to support local performers.

One of her favourite things about the Fringe is how you can watch amazing performers in original shows, with minimal expense. Some of those unknown shows grow to a life outside the festival, she says, citing the past success of Pierre Brault's Blood On The Moon, which began as a Fringe show and went on to acclaim at the NAC.

"There is so much talent right here that is undiscovered," she says. "Tomorrow's next big thing might be at the Fringe festival today."

Fourplay from Vision Theatre runs Saturday and Sunday at Arts Court Theatre. Evolution Theatre's This Is A Play runs today, Saturday and Sunday at Studio 311.

For a complete schedule, visit www.ottawafringe.com.

Keep an eye out for Kites Overhead up north



f travelling to interesting locales inspires
Gene Greer-Kondusky to
create, then his music is
about to undergo a sharp
shift to the north.

Greer-Kondusky, a loopbased acoustic-electronic musician who performs under the name Kites Overhead, is getting ready to move north of 60 to teach math in northern Ouebec.

And while it might seem like an unlikely job for the

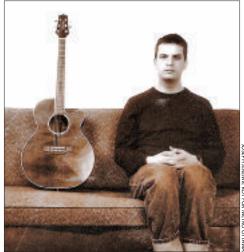
innovative musician, who's been spending his days poring over literature while pursuing his Masters in English, he says a change in scenery — and the new day job — might spark his creativity.

"There is a sublime beauty in the North with the barrenness and snow and Northern lights. I think that isolation will definitely inspire me," Greer-Kondusky says.

"My music has always kind of been a product of my travelling."

After spending much of his youth in punk and altrock bands, he decided to move to Japan.

It was there that Greer-Kondusky discovered his affinity for performing solos, but not in the traditional "guy with an



Loop-based acoustic musician Gene Greer-Kondusky, who performs under the name Kites Overhead, plays a free show at Cafe Nostalqica toniqht.

acoustic guitar" format. Instead he employed the assistance of a loop machine and effects pedal to accompany the live guitar and vocals. He recorded and performed for a time under the name The Noble Son, until he discovered an American neo-Nazi with the same name.

But while switching names has made for some logistical snags, he says he was also feeling ready for a change.

"I was getting bored with the old name anyway. My older recordings were more relaxed and ambient. Slow," he says with a laugh.

"My newer songs have evolved, and are a bit more upbeat which I think goes along with the name."

The music is at times sparse with little or no vocals, leaving room for Greer-Kondusky's experimentation to flourish.

Other songs are layered

and complex, requiring an attentive ear.

No matter whether he is performing old or fresh creations, Greer-Kondusky says his goal on stage is always to give people something a little unexpected.

"When I perform I really want to captivate people, Music should be treated like any other art, but I am not big into nostalgia. I like the idea of sounds evolving and changing. I've nothing against radio music, but I also want to create something a little different."

Kites Overhead performs at Café Nostalgica tonight, 603 Cumberland Street. The show is free.

After covering hard news for a few years, Kim discovered her real passion – writing about the wonderful world of music, theatre, visual arts and literature.

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The Ladies of the Camellias Fri. - Sat. 8:00 p.m. S20 -\$24 adv. Ottawa Little Theatre, 400 King Edward Ave. Info: ottawalittletheatre.com or 613-233-8948.

Daniel MacIvor's This Is A Play Fri. 8:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sat. 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. Sun. 7:00 p.m. \$10 adv. Studio 311, 135 Séraphin-Marion, University of Ottawa. Info: evolutiontheatre ca or 613-864-3386.

Celebration of Future Classics Manitoba Chamber Orchestra Sat. 7:30 p.m. \$15 adv. Southam Hall, NAC, 53 Elgin St., at Confederation Square. Info: nac.ca or call 613-947-7000 1-866-850-ARTS, Box Office: Ext. 280.

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613-233-8000.

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It's Easy Being Green Sat. 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Urban Element, 424 Parkdale Ave. Info: localwineevents com or 613-722-0885.

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Sleeping separately

Family affair: Madonna and Guy Ritchie enjoyed a three-day break in Italy - but slept in separate rooms, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple - who this week have been dogged by reports their marriage is on the verge of collapsing - left their children, Lourdes, 11, Rocco, seven and two-year-old David with a nanny while they visited Milan at the end of last week.

However, the pair reportedly slept in separate rooms and are said to have spent very little time together. A source close to the couple told Britain's The Sun newspaper: "They had completely separate rooms, schedules, everything. It was all very well organized but it's not a marriage the way most people understand it.

"They have this attitude like, 'We're not really a couple but we're friends and we love each other and raise our kids.' But the truth is they annoy each other, don't agree on anything, don't see each other or live 'together' as they did.'

Madonna, 49, used the trip to visit fashion designers to source costumes for her forthcoming world tour, while Guy, 39, was working on a new commercial with actor George Cloonev.

It was reported earlier this week that Madonna had hired Fiona Shackleton, the lawyer who represented Sir Paul McCartney in his split from Heather Mills, to handle her and Guy's alleged divorce.

Banned from Mandela bash?

BEHAVIOUR Supermodel Naomi Campbell has been banned from appearing onstage at Nelson Mandela's upcoming 90th birthday concert – by the man who once "adopted" her as his granddaughter, femalefirst. co.uk reports. According to reports, Man-

dela personally intervened to ensure the 38-year-old was removed from the line-

> up for todays festivities, allegedly making the decision after Campbell pleaded guilty to assaulting two police officers at London's Heathrow Airport.

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Celebrity **brief**

ROMANCE Singer Jessica Simpson has declared she and football player Tony Romo are still going strong, usmagazine.com reports. "I don't know about wedding bells ... but I'm still with

him, so that's a good sign," she says, after rumours the pair had cooled things off. METRO

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Matthew's girl accepts his fame

Matthew Conaughey's pregnant Brazilian girlfriend has resigned herself to the fact her man is always in demand - by other women, imdb.com re ports.

Far from upsetting mumto-be Camila Alves, photos

of a drunk McConaughey appearing to flirt with locals in a Nicaraguan bar only make her realize how difficult it is to be a star. The

actor's brother Rooster tells In Touch magazine, "Camila loves him for him. He's a free spirit and she gets it.

> "She knows what it's like being around a famous guy."

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reports denied

No bun in Eva's oven: Parker

PREGNANCY Basketball ace Tony Parker has denied his wife Eva Longoria Parker is pregnant - because they are not trying for a baby, imdb.com reports. The couple has been plagued by reports they are expecting but he says, "She's not pregnant now if that's your question. I'm not thinking like that



Celebrity **brief**

THERAPY Former Bond girl Denise Richards has sent her two voung daughters to therapy sessions, fearing they'll be scarred by their parents' bitter divorce and ongoing war of words, imdb.com reports.

The actress' publicist has

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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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ARIES | March 21-April 20

Your great effort is being noticed. You'll have to make a heroic stand. There'll be some problems due to a malfunction.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

A gift will initiate passionate debates. Don't rely on someone to show up. Stop heartbreak by avoiding nostalgic thoughts.



friend is standing at the crossroads.

CANCER | June 22-July 22 Someone is upset about pushovers getting ahead. A noisy person is not too scared to talk. It's nobody's business what you do.

Taking easy money will lead to a lecture.

Don't insist on talking about duties. A fearful



LEO July 23-Aug. 23

You'll approve of people who don't clash with anyone. A streetwise person provokes you to slip up. A loudmouth tells a boss where to go.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

A sibling finds your lucky charm. A secret love is the best part of your day. An argument excites everyone who finds out about it.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

A thoughtless quarrel will cause a wonderful brainstorm. A workman's appeal will be unsettling. You'll have to be patient.



SCORPIO Oct. 24- Nov. 22

A temperamental person behaves badly. Concern about earnings gets on your nerves. Beware people who are too friendly.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21

Emotions are running away with a story-teller. Finding inner peace should become a goal. You'll find your way at last.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

A neat freak is serious about playing. A thrilling person causes alienation of affections. Romance is sweet after a gift is given.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Great success and material comfort are on the way. A deep love changes someone's life. Meeting your match is an adventure.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

A male wrongdoer has serious issues. Take care when facing your limitations in secret. Subtlety is best at dealing with distress. AVATAR VENUS



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